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A PRAYER FOR TRUST.

I ask not, Lord, that thou wouldst make
My pathway smooth and bright ;
But only that my feet may walk
Where thou dost send the light.

I pray not for untroubled bless,
Nor for a cloudless sky,
But only that, or shine or storm,
To thee may bring me nigh.

I only ask that thou wouldst be
My escort and my friend ;
That thou wouldst lead me as thou wilt,
And keep me to the end.

—[From the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*.]

THE EPISTLE FROM THE YEARLY MEETING

HELD IN LONDON, BY ADJOURNMENTS,
FROM THE 15TH TO THE 25TH OF THE
5TH MONTH, 1796, INCLUSIVE.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in
Great Britain, Ireland and elsewhere.

DEAR FRIENDS : — We find our minds again engaged to send you the salutation of our love in Christ ; desiring that, as we have been careful not to address you in formality nor without a fresh belief that it is our duty, so ye may not consider this our epistle as a customary matter, nor read it in that disposition that is always seeking after some new thing ; but may not consider what parts of it are applicable to your own respective states ; and let the expressions of our concern, for your present and everlasting welfare, receive and retain, a sufficient place in your minds.

The accounts of the sufferings which have been sustained by our Friends in Great Britain, and are now reported to this meeting, amount to eight thousand six hundred and fifty-eight pounds :

about one thousand pounds of which consist of distrainments for the late assessment for manning the navy : the rest as usual, are chiefly for tithes, and demands of a similar nature. The amount of sufferings brought in from Ireland is two thousand three hundred and three pounds. And as we are informed that an opinion publicly prevails, that the purpose of these accounts is in order that the sufferings may be reimbursed, we desire Friends everywhere as occasion may offer, to contradict this opinion, which hath no foundation in truth.

The Friends mentioned in our last Epistle to be imprisoned on account of our testimony against tithes, still remain prisoners in the county gaol at York ; objects themselves, as well as their afflicted families, of the sympathy of their fellow-professors ; to whose lot it hath not fallen to experience a treatment so rigorous.

We have this year received epistles from our Friends of the Yearly Meetings of North and South Carolina and Georgia, of Virginia, of Pennsylvania, of New York, and of New England, evincing their continued concern to support our testimonies, and our Christian discipline. The inhabitants of the Continent, dwelling in fertile regions once possessed by different tribes of the Indian natives, are doubtless bound to regard them with benevolence ; accordingly, we find our Friends engaged in an undertaking to furnish them with some of the comforts of civilized life. A fund is raising to supply the expense of introducing them in agriculture, in mechanic arts, and some useful branches of learning.

On examining into the state of our Society in these regions, we find cause to believe that, in many parts, the at-